BIDDULPH (ST LAWRENCE)

Biddulph [Pirehill] *(St Lawrence)* was a vicarage in the patronage of Sir John Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 1st Baronet 1623-1666. He had presented Maurice Harrison c1636-1689 who was instituted vicar on 12 Jul 1665. The parish of two townships - Biddulph and Knypersley - was a compound parochial constablewick {Biddulph & Knypersley}.

Biddulph [Pirehill] MANOR 1.33 (1086); 1332p; PARISH (1532); ♦VICARAGE; St Lawrence (Pevsner c1250); PRGR 1558+; Biddulph (including Knypersley) Constablewick (1666) Districts: Knypersley

Biddulph & Knypersley constablewick

3 Biddulphe {Biddulph} a Parsonage Impropriate, held by John Bowyer Esq., worth £20 per annum. Vicarage worth £10 per annum. Biddulphe parish church; divers recusants. Vicar Mr Raddeley, very ignorant and very worldly. No preacher.

NOTE: SHC (1909) 10-2 gives a list of clergy

BIDDULPH, Bydulf, Biddel, etc. (S. Lawrence). Wafce—Sunday after August nth.

An ancient Church is supposed to have been destroyed by the Danes.
Value in 1291, £5.
Appropriated to Hulton Abbey, 1391 ;
value, 1535, £4 los. to Abbey, and £4 gs. /d. to Vicar.

Registers from 1558.

In 1721 Queen Anne's Bounty granted £200 to meet £200 from Sir Thomas Gresley, Bart.

Part of Biddulph passed to Mowcop, 1844.

Parish History

In **1843** the parish of **MOW COP ST THOMAS** was formed from parts of **BIDDULPH** and **WOLSTANTON.**

The parish of **BIDDULPH MOOR (CHRIST CHURCH)** was in 1864 formed from a part (-----) of **BIDDULPH**.

Description of Church (St Lawrence)

The church was in 1833 extensively remodelled by Thomas Trubshaw. A south chapel was built 1872-3.

Description of Living

Patrons

Parish Registers

Bells

(1) My gentle voice shall lead the cheerful sound; Peace to this Parish: May good Will abound.
(2) May all in truth and harmony rejoice To honour Church and Queen with heart and voice.
(3) Prosperity attend Old England's shore; Let Biddulph flourish now and evermore.
(4) With loving voice I call to Church and Prayer, And bid the living for the grave prepare.
(5) For mercies undeserved this peal is raised, And may Thy Name, O God, through Christ be praised.
(6) To the honour and glory of God this peal of six bells was given to the Parish Church of Biddulph, by Robert Heath, Esq., of Biddulph Grange, 1873.

Special References

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Principal Clergy

►**Odo e1159-e1240** **c1199-e1240**
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) c1199-d
- (presented by Sir Henry Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs Knight c1178-.... [SLG] and his wife Hawise) c1199

►**Nicholas Coly e1210-....** **e1240-p1279**
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (presented by Henry Verdun) e1240
- (in office) 1279

►**Roger Verdun e1262-....** **1299**
b e1262 *? yr son of Henry Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1230-a1272 [SLG]*
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) 1299
- (in office) 1299

►**Alexander Verdun e1264-1322** **1300-1322**

b e1264 *? yr son of Henry Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1230-a1272 [SLG]*
d 1322
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) 1300-d
- (presented by his ?brother Henry Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1260-a1334 **[SLG]**) 1300

►Roger Verdun e1295-.... **1322-1341**
b e1295 *? yr son of Henry Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1260-a1334 [SLG]*
d 1341
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) 1322-d
- (presented by his ?brother Vivian Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1290-a1340 **[SLG]** and his wife Joan)
- (as acolyte, instituted) 1322

►Reginald Caynton e1301-.... **1341-1365**
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) 1341-25 Apr 1365
- (presented by Stephen Ireton of Ireton, Derbys c1290-a1349 [SLG] and his wife Joan (widow of Vivian Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs c1290-a1340 [SLG]) 1341
(Incumbent, Chetwynd, Salop)
- (presented by Sir Richard Peshale of Horsley in Eccleshall, Staffs Knight c1317-1388 [SLG])
- (instituted) 25 Apr 1365 [SHC 1907 119 197]

►John Brett e1325-.... **1365-1371**
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) 30 Apr 1365-17 Jul 1371
- (presented by Sir John Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs Knight c1315-a1383 [SLG]) 1365
- (as John le Bret priest, instituted) 30 Apr 1265 [SHC 1907 119]
- (exchanged) 17 Jul 1371 [SHC 1907 134-5]
(Incumbent, Adderley, Salop)
- (presented by Thomas Roos 5th Baron Ros of Hamlake c1331-1384 [SLG])
- (by exchange, instituted) 17 Jul 1371 [SHC 1907 134-5]

►William Montgomery e1316-.... **1371**
b e1316 *? yr son of Sir William Montgomery of Cubley, Derbys Knight c1290-1323 [SLG]*
(Incumbent, Cubley, Derbys)
- (exchanged) 26 Sep 1368 [SHC 1909 82-3]
(Incumbent, Drayton-in-Hales, Salop)
- (presented by John (Prior of Ware))
- (by exchange, instituted) 26 Sep 1368 [SHC 1909 82-3]
- (exchanged) 4 Jan 1369.70 [SHC 1909 202]
(Incumbent, Adderley, Salop) 4 Jan 1369.70-17 Jul 1371
- (presented by Sir Robert Roos Knight)
- (by exchange, instituted) 4 Jan 1369.70 [SHC 1909 202]
- (exchanged) 17 Jul 1371 [SHC 1907 134-5]
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) 17 Jul 1371-13 Aug 1371
- (presented by Sir John Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs Knight c1315-a1383 [SLG])
- (by exchange, instituted) 17 Jul 1371 [SHC 1907 134-5]
- (resigned) 13 Aug 1371 [SHC 1907 136]

►John Schovyndon {Schavyndon} {Schenynton} e1331-.... **1371-1376**
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) 1371-1376
- (presented by Sir John Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs Knight c1315-a1383 **[SLG]**)
- (as Schovyndon, instituted) 14 Aug 1371 [SHC 1907 136]
- (as Schavyndon, exchanged) 22 Jul 1376 [SHC 1909 143]
(Incumbent, Ightfield, Salop) 22 Jul 1376
- (presented by the Crown *pro* the underage heir of John Lestrange 5th Baron Strange

(of Blackmere) c1354-1375 **[SLG]**)
- (as Schenynton, by exchange, instituted) 22 Jul 1376 [SHC 1909 143 207]

►William Blakelowe {Blackelowe} e1321-..... **1376-1382**
(Vicar, Audlem, Cheshire) 18 Nov 1361-13 Jun 1363
- (presented by Stafford St Thomas Prior & Convent)
- (instituted) 18 Nov 1361 [SHC 1909 159]
- (exchanged) 13 Jun 1363 [SHC 1909 196]
(Incumbent, Ightfield, Salop) 13 Jun 1363-22 Jul 1376
- (presented by the Crown *pro* the underage heir of John Lestrange 4th Baron Strange (of Blackmere) 1332-1361 **[SLG]**)
- (by exchange) 13 Jun 1363 [SHC 1909 196]
- (exchanged) 22 Jul 1376 [SHC 1909 143 207]
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) 22 Jul 1376-1 Jun 1382
- (presented by Sir John Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs Knight c1315-a1383 **[SLG]**)
- (by exchange, instituted) 22 Jul 1376 [SHC 1909 143 207]
- (resigned) 1 Jun 1382 [SHC 1909 151]

►Thomas {de} Walton e1342-?1394 **1382-....**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
(Rector, Biddulph, Staffs) 1 Jun 1382-....
- (presented by Sir John Verdun of Darlaston in Stone, Staffs Knight c1315-a1383 **[SLG]**)
- (instituted) 1 Jun 1382 [SHC 1909 151]
(Prebendary, Lichfield Freeford) 20 Jun 1382-....
- (provided by the Pope)
- (admitted) 20 Jun 1382 [Bodl Libr MS Ashmole 794 f190b]
- (estate ratified) 2 Aug 1388 [CPR 1385-1389 p499]
- (in office) Oct 1393 [AC 1 f36b]
- (replaced in office) a7 Aug 1394

►Thomas Wilne e1363-.... **1403-1406**
d 1406
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1403-d
- (as Wylne Chaplain, presented by Hulton Abbey) 1403

►Richard Lilleshall e1366-.... **1406-1408**
d 1408
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1406-d
- (as Chaplain, presented by Hulton Abbey) 1406

►Thomas Lyllynge e1368-.... **1408-1412**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1408-12
- (as Chaplain, presented by Hulton Abbey) 1408
- (resigned) 1412

►John Ray e1368-.... **1408-1412**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1408-12
- (as Brother, presented by Hulton Abbey) 1412
- (resigned) 1412

►John Cyevn {Cyern} e1389-.... **....-1429**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) ....-1429
- (until exchanged) 1429

►**Ralph Bromley e1389-....** **1429-....**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs)
(of Rugeley presbyter, by exchange) 1429

►**Andrew Valentyn e1390-....** **1430**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1430
- (as presbyter, presented by Hulton Abbey) 1430
- (resigned) 1430

►**John Beryngham e1401-....** **....-1451**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) ....-1451
- (resigned) 1451

►**John Nobull e1411-....** **1451-1457**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1451-7
- (instituted) 1451
- (resigned) 1457

►**John Thorley e1417-....** **1457-....**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1457
- (instituted) 1457

►**Nicholas Whelock c1500-1577** **a1532-1577**
i *as Vicarius de Biddulphe* 24 Dec 1577 Biddulp
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) a1532-a31 Aug 1577
- (in office) c1532 FAS
- (as Vicar, was granted a lease on a pasture) 29 Sep 1533
- (as Whyclocke clerk, an executor of the will of William Wegwoode of Overton in Biddulph, in Star Chamber case) c1535 [SHC 1912 75]
- (as Whelock, with his brother of John Whelock "sherman" and a ?kinsman Thomas Whelock of Sandbache, Cheshire webster, in Star Chamber case) 1538 [SHC 1912 121]
- (in office) 14 Jun 1558 & 23 Jun 1561 & 19 Jun 1563
- (resigned) a31 Aug 1577

John Thorley (Vicar of Biddulph, Staffs) c1542-1597 **1577-1592**
i *as Rector de Brerton et Viacrius de Biddulph* 11 Jul 1597 Biddulph
(ordained priest by Chester *pro* Lichfield) 31 Aug 1567
(Parochial Curate, Horton, Staffs)
- (in office) 19 Jun 1573
(Rector, Brereton, Cheshire) 11 Sep 1576-d
- (presented by Sir Ralph Bagnall of Dieulacres Abbey in Leek Staffs Knight c1516-1580 [SLG])
- (instituted) 11 Sep 1576
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 31 Aug 1577-d
- (presented by Ralph Thorley *pro* Andrew Bowyer)
- (instituted) 31 Aug 1577
- ("Scholaris ruralis et utcunque litteratus")

Richard Baddeley (vicar of Biddulph) c1553-1619 **1597-1619**
d a29 Sep 1619
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 16 Mar 1578
(Parochial Curate, Norton-in-the-Moors, Staffs)
- (in office) 8 Oct 1579 & 22 Jan 1584
- (Scholaris ruralis, aliqualiter doctus, ordained by Thos Bentham, did not exhibit a certificate of his life [his conduct]) 1593
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1 Aug 1597-d
- (instituted) 1 Aug 1597

- ("No preacher, no degree, ignorant, very worldly", salary £10, the rectory being impropriate to John Bowyer, esq [[Sir] John Bowyer of Sidway in Maer, Staffs [Knight] c1557-1605 [SLG]]) [1602-4]

3 Biddulphe {Biddulph} a Parsonage Impropriate, held by John Bowyer Esq., worth £20 per annum. Vicarage worth £10 per annum. Biddulphe parish church; divers recusants. Vicar Mr Raddeley, very ignorant and very worldly. No preacher.

►**Anthony Rowley c1593-....** **1619-1622**
(matriculated sizar from St John's, Cambridge) Easter 1611 [VENN]
(B.A.) 1614.5
(ordained deacon by York) Sep 1616
(ordained priest) Dec 1616
(M.A.) 1618
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1619-22
- (presented by Sir William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs Knight c1588-1641 [SLG], for this turn)
- (instituted) 29 Sep OR 4 Oct 1619
- (resigned) a21 Oct 1622

John Bowyer M.A. (vicar of Biddulph) c1599-1658
Bowyer, born about 1599 (perhaps in Cheshire), was 2nd son of George Bowyer of Madeley "gentleman" 1571-1633 and (his 1st wife) Ann (Grosvenor). He studied at Oxford where on 9 May 1617 he matriculated from Exeter College. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 19 Oct 1620 (M.A., 22 Apr 1624). On 12 Mar 1620 he was ordained deacon by Oxford and on 2 Nov 1620 licensed as stipendiary curate of Tredington, Worcs. On 27 May 1621 he was ordained priest by Oxford. On 21 Oct 1622 he was collated by Lichfield as vicar of Biddulph. On 22 Nov 1633 he was presented by the Crown as rector of Stoke-upon-Trent but was not instituted. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued at Biddulph as *compliant* minister. On 28 May 1647 the *Committee for plundered ministers* granted him an augmentation of £50 (from the sequestered rectory of Eccleshall) to his annual salary but no record of its payment is discovered. Apparently a *committed* presbyterian he signed the Staffordshire Testimony of Jul 1648 as "Minister of Biddulph". Still in office and living at "Grange House" he died, aged about 59, and was buried here on 2 Sep 1658. (In 1665 his widow was assessed on 5 hearths at Biddulph). He apparently died intestate. Bowyer married about 1645 to Elizabeth Bowyer 1611-1672 dau of Sir William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph knight c1588-1641 and widow of Francis Trentham of Rocester esquire 1620-1644 by whom he had 2 sons and 1 daughter. Bowyer's step-daughter Elizabeth Trentham (b 1640) married before Apr 1657 to Brien Cokayne 2nd Viscount Cullen. Francis Bowyer (vicar of Leek) 1605-1648 **QV** was John's younger half-brother and in his will made on 11 Jun 1640 wrote "I give & bequeath to my Brother John Bowyer ... all my bookes except 40s worth which I give to my beloved wiffe... I give & bequeath such Tythes as I purchased att ?Endon ... to my beloved wiffe to enioy them for & during her life & after her decease ... to my said Brother John".

John Bowyer (vicar of Biddulph) c1599-1658
b c1599 *yr son of George Bowyer of Madeley, Staffs "gentleman" 1571-1633 and (his 1st wife) Ann Grosvenor [? dau of William Grosvenor] of Bellaport, Salop [c1552-.... [SLG]]*
m c1645 Elizabeth Bowyer dau of Sir William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs Knight c1588-1641 [SLG];
b 20 Sep 1611; c 22 Sep 1611 Biddulph; m1 21 Oct 1634 Rocester: Francis Trentham of Rocester, Staffs esquire
1620-1644 [SLG]; d 13 Oct 1672; i 16 Oct 1672 Rocester; Will (PCC) 9 Oct 1672/4 May 1674
i *minister from Grange house* 2 Sep 1658 Biddulph; Will [X Lichfield/PCC]

(aged 18, as of Cheshire, matriculated from Exeter College, Oxford) 9 May 1617 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 19 Oct 1620

(ordained deacon by Oxford) 12 Mar 1620
(Stipendiary Curate, Tredington, Worcs)
- (licensed) 2 Nov 1620
(ordained priest by Oxford) 27 May 1621
(M.A.) 22 Apr 1624
(vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 21 Oct 1622-?d
- (collated by Lichfield) 21 Oct 1622 [CCEd]
(*compliant* Minister, Biddulph, Staffs)
From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister.
- (had a grant by the committee for plundered ministers of an augmentation of £50 pa from the sequestered rectory of Eccleshall but no record of its payment known) 28 May 1647
- (apparently a committed presbyterian, signed the Staffordshire Testimony of Jul 1648 as "Minister of Biddulph")
(Rector, Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs) 20 Nov 1633
- (presented by the Crown) 20 Nov 1633 [Keeper 48]
- (never instituted)
(Mrs Elizabeth Bowyer, 5 hearths, Biddulph) 1665 HT

wife's child:
chn: Elizabeth Trentham [heir] c 22 Oct 1640 Biddulph; m a1 Apr 1657 Brien Cokayne 2nd Viscount Cullen
1631-1687 [SLG] [CP]

chn: Esther Bowyer b c1646; m 13 Sep 1666 (as his 1st wife) Francis Wolverstone LATER Wolferstan of Statfold,
Staffs gentleman c1641-1712 [SLG]; d ?1673
John Bowyer b c1646; (of the Grange) 1663; (of Bishton in Colwich)
William Bowyer d 1655

(9 Oct 1672) Elizabeth Bowyer of the Close ... of Lichfield widdow ... Lady Cullen my daughter ... son Francis Wolferston Esquire ... grandchild Humfrid W. ... brother in law Sir Thomas Whitgreave and his lady my sister [Mary] ... sister [Hester] Worswick ... sister Young [Catherine Yonge] ... brother Thomas Bowyer ... brother in law Eardley and to his wife my sister [Ann] ... grandchild John Bowyer ... grandchild Elizabeth Bowyer ... ...

(16 Oct 1672, Rocester) Mrs Elizabeth Boyer died the 13 day of October and was buried the 16 day of October 1672

5 Bowyer. M.A. 1624 Exeter College, Oxford (Foster), signed testimony 1648, granted on 28 May 1647 by the committee for plundered ministers an augmentation of £50 pa from the sequestered rectory of Eccleshall, q.v., no record of its payment known. (Bod. MS. 325, p219) Invalidly presented with Stoke rectory, p254. [1915]

(Stoke-upon-Trent) There seems to have been a good deal of trouble about his institution, for on 20 Nov 1633 the Crown presented John Bowyer to this rectory [Keeper, 48] and an action was subsequently brought against Mainwaring and Roger Brereton, the patron, in the Court of High Commissions for simony. On 11 Feb 1635.6 the charge against Mainwaring was finally dismissed, but Brereton was held to have been very faulty in exposing the advowson to open sale and was fined £100 and costs £80 and also had to make a canonical purgation by the oaths of 6 compurgators, gentlemen of his own rank and dwelling within 6 miles of Stoke, to purge himself from any simonical bargains with Mainwaring. [1915]

George Bowyer of Madeley, Staffs "gentleman" 1571-1633
b 1571 [VIS] *son of William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs Esquire c1528-1602 [SLG]*
m1 Ann Grosvenor [? dau of William Grosvenor] of Bellaport, Salop [c1550-.... [SLG]] [see VIS.1663.4]
m2 Catherine -----
i 2 Feb 1632.2 Madeley; Will (Lichfield) 27 Jan 1631.2/7 Mar 1631.2
(as of Madeley, gentleman, named in the Visitation) *Aug 1614
chn: Thomas Bowyer b c1598
John Bowyer b c1599 **[SCD]**
Ann Bowyer m 14 Oct 1626 Madeley: William Morton gent.
Amy Bowyer c 17 Nov 1601 Madeley [no mother] [? is this Anne]
[2] Francis Bowyer c 22 May 1605 Madeley [mother Katherine] **[SCD]**
Mary Bowyer c 14 Nov 1607 Madeley
Jane Bowyer c 10 Nov 1609 Madeley; i 16 Sep 1613 Madeley
Dorothy Bowyer c 22 Sep 1611 Madeley
Elizabeth Bowyer b c1613
Catherine Bowyer c 5 Aug 1615 Madeley
Sarah Bowyer c 27 Jul 1617 Madeley
Ursula Bowyer c 10 Jan 1619 Madeley

(27 Jan 1631) George Bowyer of Madeley ... wife Catherine ... my daughters Mary Dorothie Elizabeth Catherine Sarah and Ursula ... son Thomas ... son John he allowing to my sonns Thomas and Francis ... William Moreton gent my sonne in lawe ... daughter Anne ... brother in lawe William Bourne gent, John Bowyer and Francis Bowyer my sonnes [executors]

►Robert Fowler c1619-.... 1654-1659
m a1654 Elizabeth .....
(Minister, Leek St Edward, Staffs)
- (in office) 1649-53 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 97]
(Minister, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (in office) 10 Oct 1654 [below]
- (in office) 11 Jan 1657.8 & 6 Mar 1658.9 [PR]
(called of Leek Frith clerk) 24 Mar 1667.8
chn: Elisha Fowler b c1649 Leek; (educated at Shrewsbury); (aged 17, admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 24 Mar 1667.8 ; (matriculated) 1668; (B.A., King's, Cambridge) 1671.2
John Fowler b c1651 Leek; (educated at Shrewsbury); (aged 17, admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 24 Mar 1667.8; (matriculated) 1668; (B.A.) 1671.2
Mary Fowler c *dau of Robert ... minister of this church* 10 Oct 1654 Biddulph

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----- ?Ridwater (?presbyterian minister of Biddulph) e1621-.... R36
----- Ridwater, born perhaps about 1621, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably ordained as a presbyterian clergyman in or before 1660 when he was probably appointed ?presbyterian minister of Biddulph vicarage. In Jun 1660 he likely continued in office as *de facto* vicar. On 28 Feb 1660.1 he was in office as vicar of Biddulph. On 24 Aug 1662 he did not subscribe to *The act of uniformity* and was thus to be deprived. A successor William Armett c1609-1667 was instituted on 14 Jan 1662.3. His surname is uncertain - it might have been Rideway.

----- Ridwater e1621-.... 1661
b e1621 *of unknown parentage*
[X FOSTER/VENN]
(Minister, Biddulph, Staffs)
(Vicar, Biddulph)
- (in office) 28 Feb 1660.1
- (living vacant by reason of the non-subscription of the last unnamed incumbent) Jan 1662.3
- (his successor **William Armett (Vicar of Biddulph, Staffs) c1609-1667, instituted 14 Jan 1662.3)**

(28 Feb 1660.1) Jane, d. of Mary Pane and Charles Bunn of ..... of Congleton was borne Feb. 10, 1657 and bapt. Feb. 28, 1660 at which baptism she repeated the Lords Prayer before Mr. Rideway, the Minister of Byddulp, Richard Eaton, Margreate Eaton, Tho. Cooke & others, & was buried June 7, 1661. [Biddulph printed PR] [Image on FMP unclear but the name "Rideway" looks to have been overwritten in darker ink]
(1702) Mr. Redwater [at uncertain Place] [Calamy (1702) p359]
(1713) Mr Bendy and Mr Ridwater are also represented as ejected in this County but I can't say at what Places [Calamy (1713) p635]
(1727) as 1713 [Calamy (1727) p]
(1778) as 1713 [Calamy (1778) p407]
(1803) as 1713 [Calamy III (1803) p247]
(1900) XXX [Shaw I/II (1900) p]
(1911) XXX [Turner (1911) p]
----- (1669) [Parishes & Conventicles there] ... [Sects] ... [Numbers] ... [Qualitie] ... [Heads & Teachers] ...
(1915) 6 Puritan. The episcopal register states that the living was vacant in Jan 1662.3 by reason of the non-subscription of the last incumbent perhaps Bowyer. [SHC (1915) p27 (Biddulph)]
(1917) XXX [Gordon (1917) p]
(1924) XXX [Matthews (1924) p]
(1934) as 1713 [Calamy Revised (1934) p]

William Armett (vicar of Biddulph) c1609-1667
Armett, born about 1609, was a son of George Armett of Thornleigh in Leek yeoman c1579-1652 and Joan. He studied at Oxford where on 4 Dec 1629 he matriculated from Magdalen Hall. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 28 Jun 1633. He was presumably ordained deacon and on 12 Jun 1636 ordained priest by Lichfield. In 1651.2 he was in office as *compliant* minister of Alton vicarage and on 26 Sep 1662 in office as parochial curate of Horton. On 14 Jan 1662.3 after presentation by Sir John Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph 1st Baronet 1623-1666 he was instituted as vicar of Biddulph. Here he resigned before 12 Jul 1665. He then probably returned to Thornleigh (his birthplace) where he died, aged about 58, and was buried on 2 Apr 1667 at Leek. His will made on

9 Feb 1666.7 was proved under Lichfield on 12 Jun 1667. In his will he bequeathed his son "all my bookes except sume twentie english bookes ...". His personalty was valued at about £130. Armett married on 10 Jan 1635.6 at Leek to Ann Brough of Brownford (d ?1667) by whom he had one son and one daughter.

William Armett (vicar of Biddulph, Staffs) c1609-1667 **1663-1667**
b c1609 *son of George Armett of Thornleigh in Leek, Staffs yeoman c1579-1652 and Joan (-----)*
m 10 Jan 1635.6 Leek: Ann Brough of Brownford; [? i *Vidua Armett de Thornibrye* 20 Sep 1667 Leek]
i *of Thornibury* 2 Apr 1667 Leek; Will (Lichfield) 9 Feb 1666.7/12 Jun 1667

(as William Armell, son of George of Thornelee, Staffs pleb., aged 20, matriculated from Magdalen Hall, Oxford) 4 Dec 1629 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 28 Jun 1633
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 12 Jun 1636
(compliant minister, Alton vicarage, Staffs)
- (in office) 1651.2
- (a successor instituted) Jul 1662
(parochial curate, Horton, Staffs)
- (a predecessor in office) 1648
- (a predecessor possibly in office) 1657
- (in office) 26 Sep 1662
(vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 14 Jan 1662.3-a12 Jul 1665
- (presented by Sir John Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 1st Baronet 1623-1666 [SLG])
- (as M.A., instituted) 14 Jan 1662.3
- (as William Armitt, signed parish register) cNov 1663 & cFeb 1664.5
- (as "William Arnett[?], Vicar" certified the hearth tax at Biddulph & Knypersley constablewick but not assessed) 1665 [1666 HT]
- (resigned) a12 Jul 1665

chn: George Armett b c1638
Lydia Armett [? m 22 Jun 1669 Leek: George Milnes]

(9 Feb 1666.7) William Armett of Thorneleighe in ... Leeke ... clerk [religious statements] ... sonne Geo: Armett all my bookes except sume twentie english bookes [etc] .. brotherinlawe Tho: Brough ... coz: Mathew Lownes chilldren ... daughter Lydia Armett [residual legatee and executor] ... Inventory 5 Apr 1667 ... [no total given but about £130]
(10 Jan 1635.6, Leek) Gulielmo Armett de Thornileigh et Anna Brough de Brownford
(1915) 1 (Biddulph) Armett. (inst. 14 Jan 1662.3, res. 1665) Probably had been minister at Alton in 1651.2. Foster identifies this vicar with a son of George Armell (sic) of Thornelee, co. Staff. If so, B.A. 1633 Magdalen Hall, Oxford [SHC 1915 p27] [in office at Alton 1651.2 p13]

[father] George Armett of Thornleigh in Leek, Staffs yeoman c1579-1652
m [X FMP] Joan -----; [? i 19 Jan 1667.8 Leek]; Will (Lichfield) 6 Jun 1665/8 Apr 1668
i 27 Dec 1652 Leek; Will (PCC) 20 Feb 1650.1/13 Mar 1652.3

chn: William Armett b c1609
Ann Armett [X FMP] m Thomas Landers {possibly Sanders}

(20 Feb 1650.1) GeorgeArmitt of the Thornleigh ... Leek yeoman ... son William Armitt twenty shillings ... daughter Ann Launders twenty shillings ... George Armitt grandchild ... Joane Armitt wife ... [she bequeathed £840 and sole executor] ...

(6 Jun 1665) Joane Armitt of the thornleigh ... Leeke ... to be buried Leek ... £2/13/4 [to maintain] minister of marbrooke Chappell yearely ... George Armitt my grandchild .... Ann Landers my daughter ... Thomas Landers my son in law [executor] [will also mentions sermons to be preached - very hard to read]

Thomas Armitt
[? m Petronilla ------; i as widow 11 Sep 1655 Leek
chn: Petronilla i 24 Feb 1637.8 Leek

Ann Armitt i 27 May 1637 Leek
Thomas Armitt i 12 Mar 1640.1 Leek

Fr ----- Armett
m Marg ----
chn: Elizabeth c 7 May 1646 Leek

George Armett c1638-....
chn: William Armett c 29 Apr 1667 Leek
Elizabeth Armett c dau of G & Constantia 18 Feb 1668.9 Leek
[? others]

Maurice Harrison M.A. (vicar of Biddulph) c1636-1689

Harrison, born about 1636, was a son of John Harrison of Hindley, Lancs clergyman. He was educated at Manchester under Mr Wickins. He studied at Cambridge where on 2 Aug 1654 he was admitted as a pensioner at St John's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. 1658.9 (M.A., 1664). He was (presumably) anglicanly ordained deacon and priest. On 12 Jul 1665 after presentation by Sir John Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph 1st Baronet 1623-1666 he was instituted vicar of Biddulph and that month licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. [In 1665 his predecessor certified the hearth tax for Biddulph -cum- Knypersley constablewick]. Probably in 1669 he was (plurally) licensed parochial curate of Shrewsbury St Julian. Still in office at Biddulph and Shrewsbury he died, aged about 53, on 26 Dec 1689 and was buried (perhaps as requested under the communion table) on 28 Dec at Shrewsbury St Julian. A gravestone bore an inscription (below). His will made on 9 Dec 1689 was proved under Lichfield on 18 Mar 1689.90. His personalty was valued at £271/18/0 and included "The Study of Books £20". Harrison married in Feb 1666.7 to Ann Ridley (d 1711) (no known children).

Exuviae Reverendi Mauritij | Harrison viri bene morali | Christiani admodum spectabilis | et hujus Ecclesiae nuper | pastoris seduli dignique | quas deposuit Decembris 26 | 1689.

►**Maurice Harrison (Vicar of Biddulph, Staffs) c1636-1689** **1665-1689**

b c1636 Hindley *son of John Harrison of Hindley, Lancs clergyman*
m (by Chester marriage licence, 5 Feb 1666.7) Ann Ridley; (? no chn); d 9 Jan 1710.1; i *Ms Ann Harison from St Mary* Shrewsbury St Julian
d 26 Dec 1689; i *Mr Maurice Harrisson minister of this parrish* Shrewsbury St Julian 28 Dec 1689; M.I. [below]; Will (Shrewsbury) 9 Dec 1689/18 Mar 1689.90 [below]

(educated at Manchester under Mr Wickins)
(aged 18, as son of John of Hindley-in-Wigan, Lancs clerk (born there), admitted pensioner at St John's College, Cambridge) 2 Aug 1654 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1654
(B.A.) 1658.9
(M.A.) 1664

(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 12 Jul 1665-....
- (presented by Sir John Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 1st Baronet 1623-1666 [SLG] as true patron)
- (as M.A., instituted) 12 Jul 1665
- (licensed preacher by Lichfield) Jul 1665
- (as "Morrice Harrison" signed parish register) 11 Sep 1665
- (not valued) 1665
- (replaced in office) 21 Mar 1688.9

(Parochial Curate, Shrewsbury St Julian) ?1669-d

(5 Feb 1666.7, Chester marriage licence) Morris Harrison of Beddulph & Anne Ridley of Winbunbury
(1669) Spent at severall times in the obtaining of Mr Harrison to bee Minister of this Parish £1 /6/10 [Shrewsbury St Julian records]
(9 Dec 1689) I Maurice Harrison clerk & Minister of the parish of St Julian in Salop ... buriall under the communion table in St Julian ... cozn Jenks rector of Harley should preach my funerall sermon ...][all goods] to wife Anne Harrison [executor] ... brother in law Mr Richard Ridley tonsor of Salop ... signs "Maurice Harrison" ... Inventory (14 Mar 1689.90) "The Study of Books £20" ... "Money owing & in the house £200" ... £271/18/0
(M.I., Shrewsbury St Julian) Exuviae Reverendi Mauritij | Harrison viri bene morali | Christiani admodum spectabilis | et hujus Ecclesiae nuper | pastoris seduli dignique | quas deposuit Decembris 26 | 1689 ... And also the Body of | Mrs Ann Harrison his | wife who deceased | this life the 9 of | Ianuary 1710 [INTERNET, He bequeathed to the parish the large silver chalice engraved with his coat of arms; and his widow gave a damask table cloth for the Communion]
(18 Apr 1727) (Forden, Montgomery) Anne Harrison late of Shrewsbury widow [mentioned]]Annual Report by the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records]

►John Barbour c1648-1689 **1689-1689**
Will *as Vicar of Biddulph* (Lichfield) 26 Sep 1689
[X FOSTER/VENN]
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (presented by Sir John Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 2nd Baronet 1653-1691 [SLG])
(as B.A., appointed) 21 Mar 1688.9

►Thomas Kent c1659-.... **1689-1693**
[At least two more of this name]
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (presented by Sir John Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 2nd Baronet 1653-1691 [SLG])
- (as B.A., appointed) 11 Nov 1689
- (resigned) a20 Jul 1693

►Ralph Bowker c1661-.... **1693-1702**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
b c1661 Caton, Lancs *son of James Bowker of Marple, Cheshire clerk*
(educated at Stockport)
(aged 17, admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 27 Jun 1678
(matriculated) 1678
(as M.A., ordained deacon by Chester) 25 May 1684
(Stipendiary Curate, Marple, Cheshire)
- (licensed) 7 Aug 1685
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 20 Jul 1693-a12 Jun 1702
- (presented by Jane 1642-1727 widow of Sir John Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 2nd Baronet 1653-1691 [SLG])
- (as B.A., admitted) 20 Jul 1693
- (resigned) a12 Jun 1702

►John Brookes c1674-1704 **1702-1704**
d a22 Jun 1704
[? (admitted sizar at Jesus, Cambridge) 8 Jun 1693; (matriculated) 1693]
(as B.A., ordained deacon by Lichfield at Biddulph) 4 Jul 1698
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 12 Jun 1702-d
- (presented by Mary Bowyer & Jane Bowyer [? two of the coheirs of Sir William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 4th Baronet 1654-1702 [SLG])
- (appointed) 12 Jun 1702

►Edward Hawkins (Vicar of Biddulph, Staffs) c1661-.... **1704-....**
(Master, Cheddleton Parish School, Staffs)
- (as literate, appointed) 30 Sep 1681
(ordained priest by Lichfield to title of Grindon) 20 Mar 1698
(Stipendiary Curate, Grindon, Staffs)
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 22 Jun 1704-....
- (presented by Charles Adderley of "Hams Hall", Lea Marston, Warwicks Esquire c1667-a1713 *pro* his wife Mary dau and coheir of Sir William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 4th Baronet 1654-1702 [SLG])
- (admitted) 22 Jun 1704

►James Rode {Rhode} 1693-1729 **1720-1729**
c 2 Jul 1693 Stafford St Mary *son of Christopher Rode of Stafford gentleman*

c1666-1731 [SLG]
d a3 May 1729
(aged 17, as Rode, matriculated from Brasenose College, Oxford) 24 Mar 1710.1
(B.A.) 1714
(M.A.) 1717
(ordained deacon by Lichfield *pro* Ely) 16 Mar 1717
(ordained priest by London) 8 Jun 1718
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 14 Jan 1720-d
- (appointed) 14 Jan 1720

►William Brooke {Brooks} c1702-.... **1729-....**
b c1702 Cheshire
(educated at Congleton, Cheshire)
(aged 18, as Brooks, admitted sizar at Peterhouse, Cambridge) 4 Mar 1719.20 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1720
(B.A.) 1723.4
(to be ordained deacon by Lichfield) 20 Sep 1724
(Stipendiary Curate, Draycott-in-the-Moors, Staffs)
- (appointed) 21 Sep 1724
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 6 Jul 1729
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 7 Jul 1729-....
- (presented by Sir Thomas Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys 4th Baronet 1699-1746 [SLG] *pro* Dorothy dau and coheir of Sir William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 4th Baronet 1654-1702)
- (instituted) 3 May[?] 1729
- (as B.A., appointed) 7 Jul 1729

►John Slade c1703-1787 **1732**
b Mickle Trafford, Cheshire
d 22 Mar 1787
(aged 18, admitted sizar at Christ's, Cambridge) 2 Jun 1721 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1721
(Scholar) 1723
(B.A.) 1724.5
(ordained deacon by Chester) 20 Jun 1725
(Perpetual Curate, Cheddleton, Staffs) 3 Feb 1726-d
- (appointed) 3 Feb 1726
- (in office) 1725-1754 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 63]
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 3 Sep 1727
(M.A.) 1728
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 18 Oct 1732-a24 Aug 1733
- (presented by Sir Thomas Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys 4th Baronet 1699-1746 [SLG] *pro* Dorothy dau and coheir of Sir William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 4th Baronet 1654-1702)
- (subscribed on appointment) 18 Oct 1732
(Master, Dilhorne School, Staffs)
- (subscribed on appointment) 23 Oct 1735
(Vicar, Alton, Staffs) 2 Nov 1744-a17 Sep 1750
- (presented by Ralph Williamson gentleman)
- (subscribed on appointment) 2 Nov 1744
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley-in-the-Moors, Staffs) 2 Nov 1744-....
- (presented by William Holmes of Cheadle Eves, Staffs)
- (subscribed on appointment) 2 Nov 1744
(Master, Ashbourne School) 1751-2
(Master, Bosworth School, Leics) a1758-1764
(translator, "Musaeus")

►John Sherratt 1710-1739 **1733-1739**
**** Easily confused with John Skerratt c1692-....*
c 27 Mar 1709.10 Leek, Staffs *son of of Simeon Sherratt of Park Lane, Staffs and Catherine (.....)*

i 1739 Endon
(educated at Cheddleton under Mr Slade)
(aged 18, admitted sizar at Christ's, Cambridge) 3 Jul 1728
(matriculated) 1728
(Scholar) 1729
(B.A.) 1731.2
(ordained deacon by Chester) Dec 1732
(as B.A., ordained priest by Lichfield) 23 Sep 1733
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1733-d

►Richard Terrick c1702-1762 **1740-1762**
b 3 Dec 1701; c 29 Dec 1701 Stoke-upon-Trent *son of John Terrick of Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs gentleman and Elizabeth (.....)*
d a17 Jul 1762
(aged 18, matriculated from Magdalen College, Oxford) 10 Oct 1720 [VENN]
(B.A.) 1724
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 20 Sep 1724
(Stipendiary Curate, Leek, Staffs) 21 Sep 1724
- (appointed) 21 Sep 1724
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 7 Aug 1726
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 21 Jul 1740-d
- (presented by Sir Thomas Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys 4th Baronet 1699-1746 [SLG] *pro* Dorothy dau and coheir of Sir William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 4th Baronet 1654-1702)
- (subscribed on appointment) 21 Jul 1740

►William Inge c1721-1807 **1762-1769**
b c1721 *son of Richard Inge (Rector of Nether Seal, Leics) 1681-1748 and Elizabeth dau of Edward Mugleston of Packington, Leics*
m 22 Apr 1756 Tettenhall: Elizabeth dau of Richard Fowler of Pendeford in Tettenhall, Staffs c1694-.... QV; b c1726; d *aged 58* 19 May 1784; i Thorpe Constantine; M.I. [SHAW I 407]
d *aged 84[sic]* 23 Apr 1807 Shenstone
(educated at Appleby, Leics)
(admitted pensioner at Emmanuel, Cambridge) 11 May 1740
(aged 19, matriculated) 1740
(B.A.) 1743.4
(Stipendiary Curate, Nether Seal, Leics)
- (licenced) 10 Jun 1745
(Fellow) 1746
(ordained deacon by Lincoln) 9 Jun 1745
(ordained priest by Lincoln) 21 Sep 1746
(M.A.) 1747
(Rector, Brereton, Cheshire)
(Rector, Nether Seal, Leics) 1748-59
- (presented by Lee Gresley Esquire)
- (instituted) 1 Aug 1748
(Perpetual Curate, Baswich, Staffs) 22 May 1759-a23 Aug 1802
- (appointed) 22 May 1759
(Rector, Thorpe Constantine, Staffs) 1759
- (presented by William Inge)
- (instituted) 4 May 1759
(Vicar, Brewood, Staffs) 17 Dec 1760-a6 Feb 1761
- (appointed) 17 Dec 1760
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 17 Jul 1762-a7 Sep 1769
- (presented by Sir Nigel Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys 6th Baronet 1726-1787)
- (instituted) 17 Jul 1762
(of Tettenhall, Staffs clerk) 1774 [see FOSTER for his son William]
(of Langley, Warwicks clerk) 1778 [see FOSTER for his son Charles]
(Prebendary, Lichfield Gaia Minor) 17 Feb 1780-a13 Apr 1784
- (collated) 17 Feb 1780 [B/A/1/24 p52]
- (installed) 18 Mar 1780 [D30/2/1/8 f9r-v]

(Canon Residentiary, Lichfield Cathedral)
- (appointed) 17 Feb 1780
- (presented by Lichfield) 10 May 1781
- (admitted by chapter) 19 May 1781 [D30/2/1/8 f92r-v]
- (admitted to residence) 23 Jun 1781 [D30/2/1/8 ff95v-96]

(Prebendary, Lichfield Bishopshull) 13 Apr 1784-a20 Mar 1797
- (collated) 13 Apr 1784 [B/A/1/24 P133]
- (installed) 29 May 1784 [D30/2/1/8 ff100v-101]

(Prebendary, Lichfield Colwich) 20 Mar 1797-1797
- (collated) 20 Mar 1797 [B/A/1/26 p165-6]
- (installed) 27 Mar 1797 [D30/2/1/9 f9r-v]

(1st Canon Residentiary, Lichfield Cathedral *thus* Precentor & Prebendary, Lichfield Bishops Itchington & Prebendary, Lichfield Colwich) 1797-d
- (Prebend of Colwich annexed to Precentorship and Prebend of Bishop's Itchington to form the 1st residentiaryship in accordance with 37 Geo III c20) 1797

chn: William Inge b c1757; d 27 Oct 1832; (aged 17, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 23 Mar 1774; (B.A.) 1777; (M.A.) 1780
Elizabeth Inge b 10 Jan 1758; c 13 Jan 1758 Tettenhall; (unm.) 1798
Charles Inge b 6 Sep 1760; c 7 Oct 1760 Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks **[SCD]**
Richard Inge m ..... dau of Thomas Fowler of Pendeford Esquire; (of Shrewsbury)

►John Parker c1739-.... **1769-1780**
[X FOSTER/VENN]

(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 7 Sep 1769-a22 Apr 1780
- (presented by Thomas Gresley clerk & Richard Parry Price)
- (as M.A., instituted) 7 Sep 1769
- (resigned) a22 Apr 1780

►George Dallaway c1731-1783 **1780-1783**
b c1731 Birmingham, Warwicks
d a23 Jun 1783
(admitted pensioner at Clare Hall, Cambridge) 17 Oct 1747 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1748
(B.A.) 1752
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 18 Mar 1753

(Stipendiary Curate, Ashley, Staffs) 18 Mar 1753-....
- (appointed) 18 Mar 1753

(Stipendiary Curate, Wednesbury St Bartholomew, Staffs)
- (appointed) 26 Aug 1758
- (as ----- Dallaway, in office) 1761-3 [WEDNESFIELD.1854 43]

(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 29 Jul 1780-d
- (instituted) 29 Jul 1780
- (presented by Sir Nigel Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys 6th Baronet 1726-1787 & Thomas Gresley ?clerk)

►Jonathan Wilson 1748-1810 **1783-1810**
b 1748 [below]
d a19 Jun 1810
(Incumbent, Rusland by Windermere) 1775
(Second Master, Congleton GS) 1776-7
(Headmaster, Congleton GS) 1777-1810

(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs)
[? - (in office) 1775 [SIMMS]]
- (licensed) 10 Oct 1782

(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 23 Jun 1783-1810
- (presented by Thomas Gresley clerk) [CCEd]
- (presented by Sir Nigel Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys 6th Baronet 1726-1787) [below]
- (instituted) 23 Jun 1783

(author and translator)
[SIMMS]

(Wilson writes on 12 Oct 1791) The right of presentation belongs at present, I believe, to Lady Gresley, widow of the late Sir Nigel Gresley, by which worthy gentleman, your humble servant, who was born A.D. 1748, was presented to the living in June 1783. There is no parsonage house; 'tis said there was one, but being burnt down by some accident, the abbot of Hulton, whose duty it was, never thought proper to rebuild it. I have therefore lived in Congleton, about 4 miles from my church, this 15 years, being appointed master of the free grammar school there about half a year after I got the curacy of Biddulph. [SHC 1988 133]

►James Sewell c1764-1831 **1810-1831**
d (a4 Jul) 1831
(as literate, ordained deacon by Carlisle)
(Stipendiary Curate, Warcop, Westmorland)
- (licensed) 17 Aug 1788
- (in office) 2 Jun 1790
(ordained priest by Carlisle) 9 Aug 1789
(Stipendiary Curate, Burgh under Stainmore, Westmorland)
- (licensed) 19 Dec 1792
- (in office) 12 Jun 1795 & 1800
(Schoolmaster, Burgh under Stainmore, Westmorland)
- (in office) 12 Jun 1795 & 1800
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 19 Jun 1810-d
- (presented by Sir John Edensor Heathcote & Charles Bowyer Adderley Esquire)
- (instituted) 19 Jun 1810
- (signed return regarding education of the poor) [PARL (1818)]
chn: Christopher Watson Sewell

►William Henry Holt c1804-1878 **1831-1873**
b c1804 Radivales *son of George Holt of Redvales near Bury, Lancs*
m Mary A. .....; d 1877; (aged 59, b Biddulph) 1871 C
d cFeb 1878 Congleton RD
(educated at Shrewsbury)
(admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 14 Feb 1822 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1822
(B.A.) 1827
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 10 Jun 1827
(Stipendiary Curate, Nether Whitacre, Warwicks)
- (licensed) 10 Jun 1827
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 3 Jul 1831
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1831-73
- (presented by John Bateman of Knypersley Hall, Biddulph)
- (instituted) 4 Jul 1831
- (aged 67, b Radvales, Lancs, of Elmhurst, Biddulph, "Vicar of Parish Church Biddulph) 1871 C
(in retirement of Elmhurst, Congleton, Cheshire)
chn: Henry J Holt (aged 31, b Biddulph, sand merchant) 1871 C
William Holt (aged 29, b Biddulph, sand merchant) 1871 C
Challenor Holt (aged 22, b Biddulph, sand merchant) 1871 C
Alice Mary Holt m William Openshaw
Elizabeth Ann Holt d 1853

►Frederick Elmer c1822-?1900 **1873-1892**
b c1822 Fritton, Norfolk
m ....
[? d cMay 1900 Norwich RD]
(at St Bees Theological College) 1850
(ordained deacon by York) 1852
(Stipendiary Curate, Cottingham, Yorks ER) 1852-4
(ordained priest by York) 1853
(Stipendiary Curate, Doncaster, Yorks) 1854-6
(Perpetual Curate, Overtably St Paul, Cheshire) 1856-8
(Perpetual Curate/Vicar, Goldenhill, Staffs) 1858-73

- (presented by Lichfield)
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1873-1892
- (presented by James Bateman)
- (aged 69, b Fritton, Norfolk, widower of Biddulph "Vicar of Biddulph") 1891 C
chn: Edith M. Elmer b c1859; (aged 32, b Knutsford, Cheshire) 1891 C

►David Brodie c1839-1915 **1892-....**
b c1839 co Down, Ireland
m Margaret .....; b c1842; d 1935; (aged 59, b Dublin) 1901 C
d 1915
(at Islington Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Victoria *pro* London) 1866
(ordained priest by Calcutta) 1868
(Missionary, Church Missionary Society, Derajat, North India) 1866-74
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Ballinrobe, co Mayo, Ireland) 1876-81
(Metropolitan District Secretary, British & Foreign Bible Society) 1882-92
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1892-p1906
- (presented by Robert Heath)
- (aged 62, b co Down, Ireland, of "Vicarage", Biddulph) 1901 C
chn: Margaret Brodie b c1870; (aged 31, b Punjab Frontier, India) 1901 C

►Rowland Bateman c1840-?1915 **1906-1915**
b c1840 *2nd son of James Bateman of Biddulph Grange, Staffs Esquire 1811-....*
[? d *aged 75* cFeb 1916 Frome RD, Soms]
(aged 19, matriculated from Magdalen College, Oxford) 15 Dec 1859
(B.A.) 1864
(ordained deacon by Carlisle) 1865
(ordained priest by Carlisle) 1866
(Stipendiary Curate, Keswick St John) 1865-8
(Missionary, Church Missionary Society, Punjab, North India) 1868-1902
(Missionary, Church Missionary Society, Dera Ismail Khan, Punjab, North India) 1868-9
(M.A.) 1867
(Missionary, Church Missionary Society, Amritsar High School) 1869-70
(Missionary, Church Missionary Society, Lahore Divinity School) 1870-2
(Missionary, Church Missionary Society, Narowal, Punjab) 1873-97
(Missionary, Church Missionary Society, Jhang Bar, Punjab) 1899-1902
(Rector, Fawley by Henley-on-Thames) 1902-....
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1906-d

►John Keble Cowburn c1881-.... **1915-1926**
(at Queens College, Oxford)
(B.A.) 1905
(ordained deacon by Liverpool) 1905
(ordained priest by Liverpool) 1906
(M.A.) 1909
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1915-26

Samuel Myers Bridge c1880-.... **1926-1943**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1926-43

Henry Jason Hassard Battersby c1910-..... **1943-1947**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1943-7

►James Duncan Worsley c1916-.... **1943-1947**
(at Bristol Bible Churchmen's College)
(at University of Durham)
(L.Th.) 1940
(ordained deacon by Manchester) 1940

(Stipendiary Curate, Broughton St Clement) 1940-1
(ordained priest by Manchester) 1941
(Stipendiary Curate, Halliwell St Peter) 1941-3
(Stipendiary Curate, Bucknall-cum-Bagnall, Staffs) 1943-7
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1947-54

Cyril Herbert Hampton 1897-..... **1954-1957**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1954-7

Derek John Elliott 1926-.... **1957-1963**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1957-63

Denis Tom Poole 1919-.... **1963-....**
(Vicar, Biddulph, Staffs) 1963-p1980

Assistant Clergy

►**William Wheelock c1553-....**
(ordained deacon by Chester) 3 Mar 1577
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (in office) 22 Jan 1584

►**Thomas Corbet c1560-....** **1616**
(Stipendiary Curate, Tettenhall, Staffs)
- (in office) 22 Jan 1584
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (as "Vicar", in office) 26 Aug 1616 [CCEd]
(Preacher, Stone St Michael, Staffs)
- (appointed) 13 Sep 1617
chn: .[dau]. Corbet *i as daughter of Thomas Corbett late curate OR vicar of Tettenhall* 1615 Codsall [ENTRY NEEDS CHECKING]

►**Thomas Bourne (Prebendary of Lichfield) c1648-....** **1671-1684**
b c1648 *son of Richard Bourne (Vicar of Walsall St Matthew, Staffs) 1612-1687* ***[SCD]***
(aged 16, matriculated from Lincoln College, Oxford) 1 Apr 1664 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1667
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 20 Sep 1668
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (as Curate, signed parish register) c20 Feb 1670.1-c29 Dec 1684
- (in office) 23 Nov 1676 [CCEd]
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 21 Sep 1673
(Prebendary, Lichfield Ufton Decani) 23 Jun 1682-a24 Sep 1688
- (collated, his father having resigned) 23 Jun 1682 [PRO E 331 COV.../22]
- (installed) 28 Jun 1682 [D30/2/1/7 f63]
- (replaced in office) 24 Sep 1688

►**Fernyhaugh Rowley c1727-....** **1751**
b c1727 Lawton, Cheshire
(admitted pensioner at Clare, Cambridge) 10 Jun 1745
(matriculated) 1745
(B.A.) 1748.9
(ordained deacon by Lichfield to title of Balsall, Warwicks) 16 Sep 1750
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 22 Sep 1751

(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (appointed) 23 Sep 1751

►John Gresley c1735-1795 **1763**
b c1735 Ashbourne *2nd son of John Gresley of Ashbourne, Derbys Esquire*
d a13 May 1795
(educated at Repton)
(aged 19, admitted pensioner at Emmanuel, Cambridge) 15 Jun 1754
(matriculated) Michs 1754
(B.A.) 1758
(ordained deacon by Lincoln) 24 Dec 1758
(Stipendiary Curate, Sheepy, Leics) 25 Dec 1758
(Fellow) 1760
(M.A.) 1761
(ordained priest by Peterborough) 12 Jul 1761
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (appointed) 5 Nov 1763
(B.D.) 1768
(Rector, Aller, Soms) 1778-d
- (presented by Emmanuel College, Cambridge)
- (instituted) 15 Dec 1778

►Jonathan Wilson 1748-1810 **?1782**
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs)
[? - (in office) 1775 [SIMMS]]
- (licensed) 10 Oct 1782
[see above]

►James Crabtree c1761-.... **1784**
(as literate, ordained deacon by Lichfield) 20 Jun 1784
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (licensed) 21 Jun 1784
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 25 Jun 1786

►Matthew Dunn c1765-.... **1790**
(as literate, ordained priest by Lichfield) 27 Jun 1790
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs)
- (licensed) 28 Jun 1790

►Thomas Harrison c1852-.... **1876-1879**
(at St Aidan's Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1876
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs) 1876-9
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1877
(Stipendiary Curate, Addingham, Yorks) 1879-83
(Stipendiary Curate, Newchapel, Staffs) 1883-1908
(Chaplain, Chell Institute *pro* Wolstanton & Burslem Poor Law Union, Staffs) 1886-1908
(Vicar, Edensor, Staffs) 1908-13
(licensed to preach in the diocese of Manchester) 1917-p1920

►John Crowle Ellis c1859-.... **1883-1885**
b c1859 [X BMD]
(at St Aidan's Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1883
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1884
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs) 1883-5
(Stipendiary Curate, Oldham St Mary) 1885-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Aston, Birmingham) 1887-90

(Chaplain, Paddington Welsh Mission) 1890-7
(Minister, St Benet Pauls Wharf) 1897-....

►**Rowland Walter Cousens 1859-....** **1887**
b 25 Jun 1859 Bombay *son of Rowland Richard Cousens 1827-1914* ***[SCD]***
(educated at Southwark St Olave)
(admitted pensioner at Christ's, Cambridge) 23 Apr 1879 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1879
(Scholar) 1879
(B.A.) 1883
(ordained deacon by Lincoln) 1883
(Stipendiary Curate, Old Radford, Notts) 1883-5
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1887
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs) 1887
(Stipendiary Curate, Newcastle -----, Staffs) 1887-99
(Stipendiary Curate, Crich, Derbs) 1899-1901
(Stipendiary Curate, Inglesham, Glos) 1901-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Egham, Surrey) 1908-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Little Dunham, Norfolk) 1909-11
(Rector, Little Warley, Essex) 1911-31
(licenced to officiate in the diocese of St Albans) 1931-6
(in retirement of 53 Alfriston Road, Seaford, Sussex)

►**Frederick William Boumphrey 1857-....** **1888-1891**
b cNov 1857 Liverpool RD
(at St Aidan's Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Ripon) 1883
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradford St Andrew) 1883-4
(ordained priest by Ripon) 1884
(Stipendiary Curate, Byker, Newcastle-upon-Tyne) 1884-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs) 1888-91
(Stipendiary Curate, Wigan St Catharine, Lancs) 1891-6
(Stipendiary Curate, Manchester St Catherine) 1896-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Rishton St Peter & Paul, Blackburn, Lancs) 1898-p1906

►**Frederick Lewis Jones c1859-....** **1891-1892**
(ordained deacon by Manchester) 1883
(ordained priest by Manchester) 1884
(Stipendiary Curate, Chadderton Christ Church, Lancs) 1883-6
(Stipendiary Curate, Tunstead, Lancs) 1886-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Derby Holy Trinity) 1889-91
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs) 1891-2
(Stipendiary Curate, Stepney Christ Church) 1892-1903
(Stipendiary Curate, Victoria Park St Mark) 1903-p1906

►**Edwin Wheeldon c1869-....** **1896-1904**
b c1869 Southport, Lancs
m Isabel M. .....; (aged 34, b Birmingham) 1901 C
(at St Bees Theological College) 1892
(ordained deacon by Liverpool) 1893
(Stipendiary Curate, Everton St Polycarp, Liverpool) 1893-4
(ordained priest by Liverpool) 1894
(Stipendiary Curate, Ravenhead St John, Lancs) 1894-6
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs) 1896-1904
- (aged 32, b Southport, Lancs, of "Pool Fold", Biddulph "Clergyman (Church of England)") 1901 C
(Stipendiary Curate, Caverswall, in charge, Meir, Staffs) 1904-5
(Rector, Biddulph Moor, Staffs) 1905-20
(surrogate) 1913
(Vicar, Horton, Staffs) 1920-

chn: Edwin R.C. Wheeldon (aged 2, b Biddulph) 1901 C

►Elmitt Raithby Browne 1864-1935 **1892-1905**
b 17 Feb 1864 Bath *son and heir of Elmitt Browne (Vicar of Hull St Jude)*
d 3 Apr 1935 "Cavell House", Swardeston, Norfolk; i Swardeston
(admitted pensioner at Sidney, Cambridge) Oct 1884 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1884
(B.A.) 1887
(ordained deacon) 1887
(Stipendiary Curate, Mildmay Park St Jude) 1887-90
(ordained priest by London) 1889
(Stipendiary Curate, Redhill) 1890-2
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs) 1892-1905
(M.A.) 1905
(Vicar, Newchapel, Staffs) 1905-8
(Chaplain at Cannes) 1908-16
(Stipendiary Curate, Duffield, Derbys) 1917-9
(Perpetual Curate, Weald, Kent) 1922-8
(Rector, Intwood-cum-Keswick, Norfolk) 1928-d

►William Henry Haslett ?1872-?1948 **1904-1905**
[? d *aged 76* Sep 1948 Wandsworth RD]
(at University of London) 1895
(ordained deacon) 1904
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1906
(**Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs**) 1904-5
(**Stipendiary Curate, Caverswall, in charge, Werrington, Staffs**) 1905-10
(Stipendiary Curate, Lower Moville, Co. Donegal) 1910-1
(Incumbent, Culdaff, co Derry, Ireland) 1911-23
(B.D., University of Durham) 1917
(Incumbent, Gleneely-cum-Culdaff, co Derry, Ireland) 1923-p1931
(of 42 Prentis Road, Streatham, London SW16) 1947-9

►Horace James Cossar 1875-.... **1906-1910**
b 6 Aug 1875 *son of John Dun Cossar*
(educated at at Brighton)
(educated at St Dunstan's College)
(educated at Eastbourne)
(admitted pensioner at Queens', Cambridge) Michs 1895 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1895
(B.A.) 1898
(ordained deacon by Peterborough) 1898
(Stipendiary Curate, Northampton St Giles) 1898-1903
(ordained priest by Peterborough) 1899
(Stipendiary Curate, Piccadilly St James) 1903-6
(M.A.) 1904
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs) 1906-10
(Organising Secretary, Eastern Counties, British & Foreign Bible Society) 1910-33
(Organising Secretary, Cambs., Beds., Hunts and Northampton, British & Foreign Bible Society) 1933-....
(of St Luke's Lodge, Chesterton, Cambridge)

►Webley Hope Gill 1863-.... **1910-1912**
b 27 Oct 1863 Edinburgh *son of William Gill (Rector of Hertingfordbury, Herts)*
(educated at Christ's Hospital)
(educated at King William's College, Isle of Man)
(matriculated pensioner from Queens', Cambridge) Michs 1883
(Misionary, China Inland Mission) 1885-97
(Missionary, West China Mission, Church Missionary Society) 1897-1905
(Interpreter to the Cavalry Brigade, China Field Force, during Boxer Rebellion)

1900-1
(ordained deacon by Winchester) 1908
(ordained priest by Winchester) 1910
(Stipendiary Curate, Stoke St Saviour next Guildford, Surrey) 1908-10
(Stipendiary Curate, Biddulph, Staffs) 1910-12
(Rector, Hatford, Berks) 1912-19
(Vicar, Wilshaw, Yorks) 1919-24
(Vicar, Ugley, Essex) 1924-30
(Vicar, Loudwater, Bucks) 1930-7
(in retirement of 50 Livesay Crescent, Worthing) 1947

Chapels-of-Ease and Missions

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